



THE COMMUNITY FORESTER



A Newsletter from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

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USDA GIVES 100 FAMOUS & HISTORIC TREES TO EVERY STATE

The White House Council's Millenium Green Project...

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has granted 100 Famous & Historic Trees to every state and territory as part of the White House Council's Millennium Green project. In doing so, officials hope to stimulate community awareness of the vital role the environment plays in the quality of life now and for future generations. These trees are direct descendants of trees playing a significant role in our nation's history. There are trees, such as the Appomattox Court House Honeylocust, which stood as a stately witness to the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Grant to end the Civil War. Others are more contemporary, such as trees from Elvis Presley's Graceland Estate or the Moon Sycamore, which was taken up with the Apollo XIV mission.

The Montana Community Forestry Program is looking for communities, schools, civic groups or other organizations interested in having one of these Famous & Historic Trees planted in their town. Trees come with a planting kit and a Certificate of Authenticity, and must be planted on public property. For more information, contact Paula Rosenthal, Montana Community Forestry Program Manager, at 542-4284.

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It's said that nature reinvents herself four times a year. As the seasons change, the anticipation of what the next will bring makes for an exciting time in our lives. For the Montana Community Forestry Program, the announcement of Spring brings with it our busiest time. After a long winter, spring brings new leaves to the trees, and a new canopy of green which will become more appreciated as the days get longer and Montana's summer sets in.

Perhaps we will reinvent the Montana Community Forestry Program, too. With the coming of summer, our fire danger is certainly a topic of concern. Community Foresters have identified with the needs of Montana communities for fire protection and for fire recovery. In the upcoming months, we will -- along with the rest of the DNRC -- assist communities with these needs.

As the blanket of snow disappears from our peaks, indeed Spring is evident. Let's plant trees, care for our parks and boulevards, and prepare for another hot summer. To learn more about the Montana Community Forestry Program or about getting a program started in your community, contact us at 542-4284. Happy Planting!



MONTANA INDUSTRY NEWS

MONTANA WILL HOST SPRING ISA WORKSHOP

The Montana DNRC Community Forestry Program is pleased to host the Spring Workshop of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. The one-day workshop will be held in Billings on March 31, 2001. Planning for the event is underway, and the topic for the training will be hazard trees, risk management, and related topics. Anyone may attend, and Certified Arborists will receive CEU's for participating. Additional information about this event will be distributed as it becomes available. Or you can call Dan Rogers, Missoula's City Forester and RMC-ISA Secretary/Treasurer, at 523-2757.

MISSOULA CITY FORESTER ELECTED SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR ISA-RMC

Missoula City Forester Dan Rogers is the 2001 Secretary/Treasurer for the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture. Dan has served as the Montana liaison to the chapter for a number of years.

Dan is also active in the Montana Community Forestry Council and the Montana Tree Climbing Championships. Congratulations, Dan!



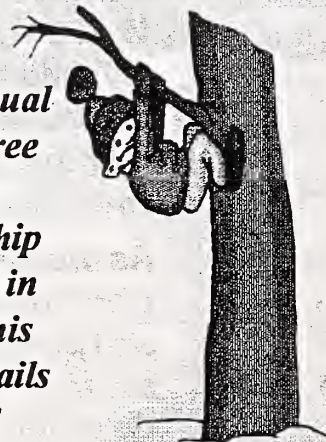
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Interested in becoming an ISA Certified Arborist? Contact your DNRC Community Forester for upcoming test dates and information.

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*The 4th Annual
Montana Tree
Climbing
Championship
will be held in
Bozeman this
Spring....details
to follow!*



REGIONAL ROUND-UP



Here's what's happening in communities around the state:

Communities throughout Montana are working hard to build their community forestry programs. **Shelby, Twin Bridges** and **Sheridan** are newly recognized Tree City USA's. Tree City is a national recognition program of the National Arbor Day Foundation and recognizes the commitment these communities are making. Also, **Townsend** and **Pinesdale** have recertified as Tree City USA's after being inactive for a few years. And, in addition to being a Tree City, **Anaconda, Billings, Helena, Libby, Missoula** and **Whitehall** have earned Growth Awards for their extra hard work this last year. For a complete list of this years Tree City USA communities in Montana, see page five.

An important requirement of Tree City USA is that communities adopt local tree ordinances. Congratulations the City Councils of **Shelby** and **Superior** for passing their ordinances last fall.

In other news, congratulations to the **Fort Benton** Tree Board on completing their Street & Park Tree Inventory last fall. An inventory is one of the best tools for assessing needs and planning for future work. With information from tree inventories and funding from some creative sources, **Kalispell** and **Whitefish** have BIG plans for their street and boulevard trees. **Kalispell** – having established a Tree Maintenance District last year, has a large pruning contract to maintain more of the city trees. Kalispell's Street Tree Commission also held a successful recycling drive, called "Trees to Paper to Trees" which raised more than \$700! As for **Whitefish**, a massive street reconstruction project funded by their local bed tax is underway and Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Department are working closely to protect trees during construction, plant new trees, and collaborate to ensure a successful project.

Lewistown hosted a tree care program which was very well attended. This spring there are programs scheduled again in **Lewistown** and also in **Malta, Forsyth, Columbus, Red Lodge, Broadus, and Glasgow** are also interested in hosting workshops.

School children in **Wibaux, Billings, Huntley, Vida, Judith Gap, Miles City, Glendive** and **Colstrip** will be learning more about trees and about Arbor Day through programs we are conducting in their classrooms. If you are interested in a school program presented by the DNRC Community Forestry Staff, contact the office nearest you (they are listed on the back of this newsletter).

ARBOR DAY IS APRIL 27!!

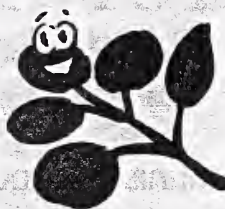
PLANT A TREE WITH A DNRC ARBOR DAY GRANT!
CALL 542-4284 FOR MORE INFORMATION





ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST PROGRAM

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Arborist? The International Society of Arboriculture's Arborist Certification Program is an important professional development tool for tree care workers, line clearance and utility arborists, and anyone interested in the tree care industry. DNRC Community Forestry Program Staff are certified arborists and also proctor the exam several times a year in Montana. To learn more about the program or to learn about upcoming testing opportunities contact us!



STAFF NOTES

Jeff Roe has been named Montana's representative to the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). The position was vacated by Missoula City Forester Dan Rogers after he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the same. In this capacity, Jeff will provide updates about tree care industry news, events and happenings in Montana to ISA and also bring news about upcoming opportunities back to Montana. Jeff hit the ground running with his new post by helping Dan Rogers coordinate a spring ISA workshop in Billings in March. For event information, see page 2. Congratulations, Jeff!

Mark Lennon and Paula Rosenthal attended the Firewise Communities Conference in Missoula in March. Firewise provides tools to communities for fire preparedness, prevention, and effective planning.

Paula Rosenthal has been working extensively with the National Fire Plan, which outlines assistance to Montana landowners, communities, agencies, and organizations for both recovery from last year's fire season and preparing for the future.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.dnrc.state.mt.us



*click on 'forestry',
then 'service forestry',
...then 'community forestry'*

Other Sites of Interest:

www.firewise.org

www.treelink.org

www.arborday.org



**INVEST IN THE
FUTURE!
PLANT A TREE FOR
ARBOR DAY!**

ARBOR DAY GRANTS AVAILABLE



Arbor Day in Montana is officially the last Friday in April. By Governor's Proclamation, communities, schools and service organizations are urged to observe Arbor Day by planting trees and other activities that beautify the towns where they live. The Montana Community Forestry Program is offering grants to communities to assist with their Arbor Day celebration. Communities may apply for a \$150 dollar grant to plant a tree or perform another activity for Arbor Day. The one page application must be accompanied by an Arbor Day Proclamation signed by the mayor of the community seeking the grant. For an application, or for more information, contact Paula Rosenthal, Montana Community Forestry Program, at 542-4284.

MONTANA RECEIVES FUNDING FOR LEWIS & CLARK PROJECTS

\$10,000 grant program to help communities prepare for Bicentennial.



The USDA Forest Service has given the Montana Community Forestry Program \$10,000 to fund local projects related to the upcoming Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. Communities or organizations with community forestry projects related to the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact Paula Rosenthal, Montana Community Forestry Program, at 542-4284.



TREE CITY USA.

MONTANA'S TREE CITY USA'S

ANACONDA

BILLINGS

BOZEMAN

BROADUS

BUTTE

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GREAT FALLS

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LIBBY

MALMSTROM AFB

MANHATTAN

MISSOULA

PINESDALE

POLSON

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ROUNDUP

SHELBY

SHERIDAN

TOWNSEND

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WHITEHALL



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